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Reds Surge Over Oder River, Foe Reports HITLER'S ARMIES AGAIN LASH WEST FRONT

Gains Scored Against Yanks At Haguenau

Blow Believed Intended To Upset Allied Plans For Attack to Aid Reds

Paris, Jan. 25 (AP)—German forces attacking on a 20-mile Alsation front, possibly in an effort to upset a full-scale allied offensive that appeared to be shaping up, have bypassed the big transport hub of Haguenau on both sides, supreme headquarters announced today.

Striking in the single sector of the western front where they held the initiative, the Germans advanced nearly two miles in northern Alsace, reaching the village of Schillersdorf, at the edge of the Hardt forest within a mile of the Haguenau-Sarre Union trunk highway.

Nazis Are Trapped
Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh army forces sealed off the penetration, and were battling about 300 nazis who had grabbed a foothold in Schillersdorf.

Amidst signs of a brewing allied offensive, Lt. Gen. Brehon Somervell said at supreme headquarters that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's forces had enough supplies on hand to mount a major drive while the Russians are caving in the eastern defenses of Germany.

Salient Flattened
The new German attack on the Seventh army front between Haguenau and Reipertswiller opened as other allied armies to the north flattened the Ardennes salient to a thin bump and ground down the nazis' pocket across the Roer in the appendix area of southern Holland.

The Germans drove across the Oder river on both sides of Haguenau and scored local gains all along the 20-mile offensive front.

SHEAF said the nazis had eight divisions between Bitch and the Rhine in northeastern France, where Patch's front was weakened in the regrouping of allied forces to deal with the German offensive in the Ardennes.

Farther south, the French First army continued its advance northward, elements far forward from their jumpoff positions in the Vosges foothills between Colmar and Selestat.

WOULD CUT OFF SUPPLIES
Washington, Jan. 25 (AP)—The state department announced today that Lauchlin Curie, administrative assistant to the president, will go to Switzerland soon to try to cut off supplies of war supplies from that country to Germany.

REDS CAPTURE OELS
London, Jan. 25 (AP)—Marshal Stalin announced tonight that the Russians had captured Oels, east of Breslau.

Gen. Joseph Stilwell Named Leader of U. S. Ground Forces

Washington, Jan. 25 (AP)—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson today announced the appointment of Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, former commander of American forces in the China-Burma-India theater, as commander of U. S. army ground forces.

Stilwell succeeds Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, recently named deputy commander of American forces in the European theater of operations. Lear is serving there in an administrative capacity.

"Vinegar Joe" Stilwell was recalled from the Orient at the request of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as a result of differences between the two men over how best to make use of what war materials they had. He had been serving as chief of staff to Chiang as well as commander of American forces.

Stimson announced the appointment to a news conference to which he also read a cablegram from Lt. Gen. Dan I. Sultan, now



Vapor trails paint weird streaks in battlefront sky as Allied planes engage enemy fighters in furious dog fights. An alert 51mm anti-aircraft battery is silhouetted as they train their sights on an incoming enemy strafe somewhere in Germany. Signal Corps photo.

BEND SELECTED FOR PLANT TO MAKE PUMICE BLOCKS

Bend is to have a new industry. For the purpose of producing building materials from concrete, pumice and cinders, The Bend Concrete Products company will soon erect a \$15,000 plant on Greenwood avenue, it was announced today by R. P. Syverson and L. N. Eisenbach, partners in the venture. The building, made of concrete blocks, will be 32 x 98 feet, with offices and a display room in front. Eventually the company will employ about 15 men, it was reported.

Besides building blocks, the firm will manufacture cement bricks, pumice bricks for insulation, decorative and varicolored tile and bricks, sewer and drainage pipes and culvert pipes, the owners said. The partners also plan, as equipment is installed, to produce different novelties, such as water meter boxes, septic tanks and waterproof burial vaults.

Syverson and Eisenbach said that their building blocks will be in three sizes and are to be made from pumice, concrete and red or black cinders. The block sizes are 6 x 6 x 12 inches; 6 x 8 x 12 inches, and 12 x 6 x 8 inches.

In Big Demand
According to the owners, pumice blocks are in great demand for the building of smaller homes, while the concrete and cinder blocks may be used for the construction of larger buildings.

The Bend Concrete Products company is now producing in a small way, and two new block-making machines are now under construction. A dditional machinery will be utilized as soon as government priorities are granted, Syverson said.

Both Syverson and Eisenbach have resided in Bend about six years, Syverson in Blakley heights and Eisenbach at 1304 Fresno street. Syverson announced that Eisenbach will be superintendent of the plant. Syverson planned to continue in his present contracting business. Eisenbach is a brick and rock mason, and Syverson formerly was with the Longview Concrete Pipe company.

The partners anticipate a great demand for their cinder and concrete pipe after waters of the North Unit Irrigation project reach Jefferson county farm lands.

Bankers to Hold Redmond Session

Portland, Ore., Jan. 25 (AP)—Sectional meetings in Redmond and Medford were scheduled today by the Oregon Bankers association to outline procedures on making "G.I." loans and other topics.

The Redmond session is tonight and the Medford meeting Jan. 30. Speakers will include Mitchell Tilton of Klamath Falls, president of the association, and William P. Choate, Portland banker.

LIHB KILLS MAN
Oregon City, Ore., Jan. 25 (AP)—Clackamas county logging operations had their first fatality of the year last night when Earl Stilling, 41, of Molalla died after a large limb struck him on the head and fractured his skull.

Troops Surge To Clark Field In Island Gains

At Least One Airstrip Already in Possession Of Men Nearing Manila

By William B. Dickinson (United Press War Correspondent)
General MacArthur's Headquarters, Luzon, Jan. 25 (AP)—The American 14th corps surged across the great Clark field cluster of airdromes within 48 miles northwest of Manila today and all 11 airstrips, along with adjacent Fort Stattenburg, appeared about to fall without a major battle.

At least one and probably more of the airstrips already were firmly in American hands. Bamban field, northernmost of the Clark constellation, was overrun Tuesday and mechanized patrols were operating yesterday in the vicinity of Clark field itself, six miles to the south, and Fort Stattenburg.

River Crossed
The advance carried across Bamban river, where the Japanese had been expected to make a strong stand, and overran Mababagat, four miles south of Bamban, and 50 miles northwest of Manila, without encountering major resistance.

Small enemy motorized patrols and harassing snipers were dispersed. Lashing out ahead of the ground troops, Liberator bombers began the aerial reduction of Fort Corregidor, scene of the bloody last American stand—Manila bay in 1942. Forty-five tons of bombs were dropped in the initial raid Tuesday, touching off huge fires and explosions among enemy installations.

Japs Lose Most
Gen. Douglas MacArthur jubilantly revealed that his ground forces had killed 10 Japanese for every American lost in the first two weeks of the invasion of Luzon.

Japanese casualties, he said, totaled about 14,000, comprising 6,449 known dead, 423 prisoners and an estimated 7,200 wounded. American casualties were listed as 657 dead, 187 missing and 2,301 wounded, a total of 3,145.

"Every possible strategical and tactical ingenuity is being successfully employed to hold our losses in men to an absolute minimum," MacArthur reported in his communique.

Nippons Report New U. S. Landings
(By United Press)
American troops have landed on the northeastern coast of Mindoro island in the Philippines and are fighting toward Calapan, the capital city, situated about 75 miles directly south of Manila, Tokyo radio reported today in a broadcast recorded by United Press, San Francisco.

Tokyo, quoting a Manila dispatch, said an estimated 1,000 troops participated in the landing. The enemy report, unconfirmed by allied sources, said heavy fighting was in progress.

Japanese Report Two More Raids
Pearl Harbor, Jan. 25 (AP)—Tokyo reported two more B-29 nuisance raids on the Japanese industrial center of Osaka, a naval bombardment of Iwo in the Volcanoes and a 120-plane carrier-based raid on Palembang in the Dutch East Indies in the quickening Pacific war today.

A Japanese domestic broadcast said lone Superfortresses bombed the Osaka area 250 miles west of Tokyo at 8 o'clock last night and again at 1 a. m., today (Tokyo time), but caused no damage.

American surface ships, including four cruisers and eight destroyers, bombarded Iwo, Japanese stepping stone island 750 miles south of Tokyo Wednesday and inflicted "negligible" damage, another Tokyo broadcast said.

Superfortresses from the Marianas blasted Iwo in strength with "good results" Wednesday, according to a war department communique, and it was possible that the naval bombardment tied in with the air attack. Twice before B-29s have hit Iwo in conjunction with surface vessels.

Nazi Capital in Panic As Reds Race Into West

London, Jan. 25 (U.P.)—Tens of thousands of German refugees from the east were reported jamming the roads to Berlin today and Stockholm dispatches said signs of panic were appearing in the nazi capital for the first time since the start of the red army invasion.

The great exodus from the east was accompanied by a sudden revival of peace rumors, all completely unconfirmed and perhaps inspired by the nazis themselves for devious propaganda purposes.

One rumor, broadcast by the clandestine radio Atlantic, said Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler had tried without success to put out peace feelers to the free German committee in Moscow, suggesting that he replace Adolph Hitler at the head of the reich and make a separate peace with Russia.

Peace Talk Heard
Another, relayed by the Ankara radio and equally unsubstantiated, had Baron Franz Von Papen in Madrid to learn the allied peace terms.

There was little question, however, that the Russian sweep out and across Germany's eastern frontiers had touched off a wave of hysteria spreading back to the capital of the reich.

All accounts indicated the nazis were combing out the last dregs of their manpower to man their eastern ramparts and, at the same time, trying to clear the refugee-choked roads for the movement of reserves to the front.

Berlin said all women and children were being removed from Breslau as that Silesian industrial center came under the guns of the red army, and similar mass evacuations were in progress throughout eastern Germany and the areas of western Poland not already overrun by the Russians.

Vessel Carrying 2,200 Men Lost

Washington, Jan. 25 (AP)—A ship carrying 2,200 American soldiers was sunk recently in European waters by enemy action, with 248 killed and 517 missing, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced today. Over 1,400 were saved.

Stimson announced the loss to a press conference in these words: "It may now be disclosed that a ship carrying more than 2,200 American soldiers was sunk recently in European waters due to enemy action. The ship sank swiftly, and 248 men were killed and 517 are missing. The rest, over 1,400, were saved."

"This announcement is made in accordance with our established policy of stating all losses in regular course, even though some of the details may not yet be made available."

MAN IS MISSING
Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 25 (AP)—Ashes of the Blue Lake chateau near Vancouver were searched today for trace of V. L. Muncy, 47, said by his friends to be missing after a fire destroyed the chateau early Monday. It was believed Muncy was included in a dancing party when the fire broke out.

Wallace Appears Before Senate Committee And Opposes Divorce of Lending Functions

Washington, Jan. 25 (AP)—Former Vice President Henry A. Wallace today said that the real issue before the senate in connection with his nomination as secretary of commerce is not his alleged lack of experience but "the experience I have had."

Opening his testimony before the senate commerce committee on the George bill to divorce lending functions from the RFC and its subsidiaries, from the department of commerce.

"Obviously," Wallace said, "I am deeply concerned with any proposal which has for its purpose the stripping from the department of commerce of the lending functions it now has."

"I'd be less than frank," he continued, "if I indicated I was disinterested in the carving out of important functions that department now has."

"Candidly, it is not a question of my alleged lack of experience to administer those functions, but

East Prussia Trap Closed, Berlin Hears

Soviets Storm Gleiwitz, Fortified Factory Town Forming Vital Anchorage

London, Jan. 25 (AP)—Russian armies captured the big Silesian industrial center of Gleiwitz and spearhead within "some 134 miles" of Berlin today, and the nazis said soviet forces had broken across the Oder river at several points and had sealed off East Prussia.

Marshal Ivan S. Konev's army successfully stormed Gleiwitz, fortified factory town anchoring the defenses of the southeastern nose of Silesia, and at the same time overran Chranzow, 34 miles to the southeast in the Dabrova coal mining basin of Poland.

Marshal Stalin, in Moscow, in the first victory announcement of the day, hailed Konev's First Ukrainian army for the capture of the key bases on the southern wing of the red army's vast offensive front.

Crossing Held
Down the Oder valley, Konev's forces were, by German account, across the strategic river at several places and held the crossings at captured Oppelin, while Breslau was reported under frontal assault as the Russian campaign in Silesia developed rapidly.

The red army organ, Red Star, declared that "only some 200 odd kilometers (124 miles)" separate soviet spearheads from Berlin but did not specify the points of greatest Russian advances. However, nazi accounts admitted that the troops of Marshal Ivan S. Konev's First Ukrainian army had driven several bridgeheads across the frozen Oder on a 100-mile front on both sides of Breslau.

One bridgehead was at Steinau, 136 miles southeast of Berlin, and 34 miles northwest of Breslau.

Margarine Points Due for Increase

Washington, Jan. 25 (AP)—The ration value of margarine will go up from two to three red points a pound in February but creamery butter will remain unchanged at 24 points a pound, the office of price administration announced today.

The only other February ration changes, OPA said, will be to return hitherto point-free bacon stems and fat pork cuts to the ration list at one point a pound. Other meats and all processed foods, cheeses, shortening and cooking oils will retain their present point values.

Senate Approves Election Pay Bill

Salem, Ore., Jan. 25 (AP)—The senate has passed a revised bill to raise the pay of election officials from \$3 to \$4.

Arctic Weather Grips Northeast

(By United Press)
The shivering northeastern seaboard faced another day and night of sub-zero temperatures today as the winter's bitterest cold wave, accompanied by cutting winds, disrupted transportation and war work in many sections.

In New York City the mercury remained at zero to make the day the coldest Jan. 25 on record and the coldest day since Feb. 15, 1943. Pedestrians skidded on ice and frozen snow, and subway travelers were delayed by frozen switches.

Suburban and New Jersey areas recorded three below during the early morning and outdoor workers at the Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock company yards in Kerry and Port Newark, N. J. were sent home at 9 a. m., because of the cold.

22 Below Reported
In 22 New York, with a low of 22 below recorded at Dunkirk, drifting snows marooned motorists, delayed train and bus schedules up to three hours and almost halted freight service near Syracuse.

Boston reported three below last night. Pittsfield, Mass., minus 17, and Hartford, Conn., a four below, with outstate Connecticut temperatures reaching minus 12, in what was regarded as the worst winter since 1917-18.